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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG U.S. BILATERAL COTTON
TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND TRANSMIT
FOLLOWING NOTE TO HONG KONG DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY:

SIR:

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I REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO

GOVERNMENTS IN GENEVA ON JUNE 28 AND JULY 31,
1973 AND IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 30, 1973
CONCERNING THE BILATERAL COTTON TEXTILE
AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 17, 1970, AS AMENDED. IN
VIEW OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, I WISH TO PROPOSE
THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT BE FURTHER
AMENDED AS PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. PARAGRAPH 1 SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:
"THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE FROM
OCTOBER 1, 1970 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1974,
SUBJECT TO A REVIEW WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE

CONCLUSION OF A NEW MULTILATERAL TEXTILES
ARRANGEMENT. DURING THE TERM OF THIS
AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG SHALL
LIMIT ANNUAL EXPORTS OF COTTON TEXTILES FROM
HONG KONG TO THE UNITED STATES TO AGGREGATE,
GROUP, AND SPECIFIC LIMITS AT THE LEVELS
SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 2, 3, 4 (INCLUDING
ANNEX A) AND 6, ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE GROWTH FORMULA SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 7.
IN ADDITION, FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD
FROM OCTOBER 1, 1973 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1974, THE
LEVEL OF EXPORTS GOVERNED BY PARAGRAPHS 2, 3, 4
(INCLUDING ANNEX A) AND 6 OF THE AGREEMENT
SHALL BE INCREASED BY A FURTHER 2 PERCENT
OVER THE PRECEDING TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD."

B. THE LAST SENTENCES IN ANNEX A, PARAGRAPHS
B, SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP I

"FOR THE FOURTH AGREEMENT YEAR THE POOL SHALL
BE 10,811,723 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENTS."

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GROUP II

"FOR THE FOURTH AGREEMENT YEAR THE POOL SHALL
BE 12,274,162 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT."

GROUP III

"FOR THE FOURTH AGREEMENT YEAR THE POOL SHALL
BE 2,441,352 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT."

IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, THIS NOTE AND YOUR
NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF HONG KONG WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGH CONSIDERATION.

2. PLEASE BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF HONG KONG THE FACT
THAT POOL YARDAGE LEVELS ARE HIGHER THAN IN AGREED
MINUTE. LEVELS IN AGREED MINUTE DID NOT REFLECT THE

GROWTH FROM THIRD TO FOURTH AGREEMENT YEAR.

3. PLEASE CABLE WHEN NOTES EXCHANGED WITH NAME AND
TITLE OF HONG KONG SIGNATORY. DEPARTMENT WILL THEN
ISSUE A PRO FORMA PRESS RELEASE WITH TEXTS OF BOTH
NOTES IF HKG HAS NO OBJECTION.

4. REQUEST CONGEN TRANSMIT SINGLE ORIGINAL OF HKG
NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPIES OF CONGEN'S NOTE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 735 (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT LEGAL
ADVISOR TREATY AFFAIRS). RUSH

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